

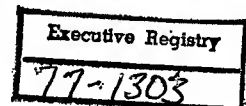
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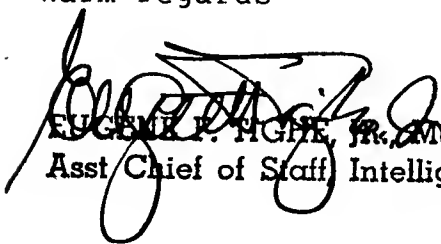
Mr. Stanfield Turner
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Dear Mr. Turner

It is a pleasure to send you Volume 12 of the Air Force's "Soviet Military Thought" series. This book was written by the late Minister of Defense, Marshal A.A. Grechko, and is entitled The Armed Forces of the Soviet State. As suggested by the high position of the author and the wide scope of the title, it is an authoritative and comprehensive examination of Soviet military power. It is for this reason that it has been included in the series. Although the book contains many long, pedantic, and repetitive passages, it is nevertheless an important work and contains judgments which can be used as benchmarks against which to compare future Soviet statements on military developments.

For your convenience, I am also enclosing an Executive Summary. In the Introductory Note to that Summary, you will discern some of the travail which went into obtaining the necessary copyright release from the Soviets. I hope that, after perusing the book, you will agree that the successful conclusion of these negotiations and the publication of this volume will contribute to a better understanding of Soviet military policy.

Warm regards


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Dear General Tighe:

Many thanks for sending along a copy of your Volume 12 in the "Soviet Military Thought" series. A number of us here will read it with great interest.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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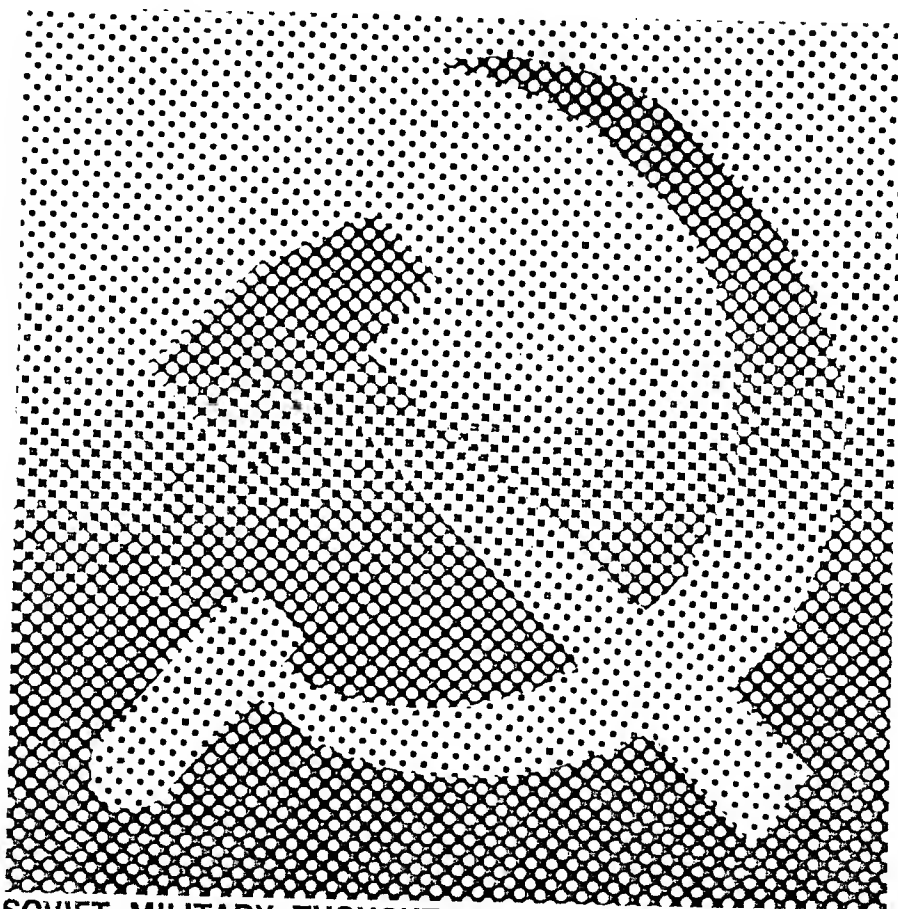
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